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NEW-BERN the 5th of April 1749.?

NORTH CAROLINA.

*To his Excellency Gabriel Johnston Esqre Captain General and Commander in Chief of his Majesties Province of North Carolina*

The Memorial of the Members of His Majesty's Council of the said Province.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

After the Charter granted by King Charles to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina they formed several Constitutions or Rules of Government wherein (inter alias) It was provided that the lands should be laid off into Counties each county to be a separate Government and a Proprietor or his Deputy to have the Government of it But still the whole eight Counties to be under the Government of the Eight Proprietors accordingly the first Government or County was that of Clarendon County on Cape Fear River so called from the Earl of that Title first mentioned in the Charter the second was that of Albemarle from the duke of that name next in the Charter and it is to be remarked that the Deed of Grant to this County so highly valued by the Inhabitants of it and upon which so great a stress is laid with regard to his Majesty rents was directed to Samuel Stephens Governour of our above County of Albemarle and the seal of that County Government (used as the seal of North Carolina untill the King's purchase) had together with the arms of the eight Proprietors the word Albemarle in capitals fixed between the Coats.

NATH: RICE

ROBERT HALTON

ROGER MOORE

ELEAZAR ALLEN

MATHEW ROWAN